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In re application of: Dubelsten et al.

Art Unit: 1732

Application No. 09/336,339

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS FORMATION OF COMPOSITES HAVING FILLER AND THERMOACTIVE MATERIALS, AND PRODUCTS MADE BY THE METHOD

Examiner: M. Vargot

Date: July 28, 2003

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the application referenced above.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

☒ Previously submitted.

☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 26, 2003, a courtesy copy of which is enclosed.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

FILING FEE

For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e)					\$750.00
Total Claims	175	- 175* =	0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	21	- 21** =	0	\$84.00	\$ 0.00
One-month Extension of Time				\$110.00	\$110.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$860.00

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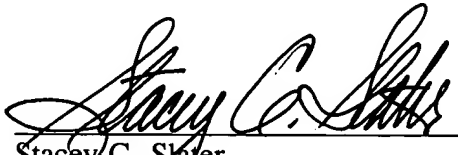
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- ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for the number of months indicated above. If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$860.00 is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees that may be required to file this Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and any extension of time, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

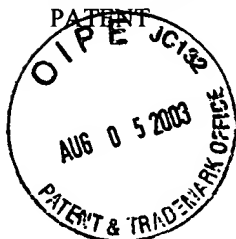
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This responds to the Office action dated March 26, 2003. Applicants request reconsideration of this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

93 (Amended Three Times) A single-layered cellulosic and waste thermoplastic composite product comprising a first surface and a second surface, the product having longer cellulosic flakes oriented substantially in a first direction and positioned adjacent the first and second surfaces and continuously graduating to shorter cellulosic flakes at a center portion of the product.

94. (Amended) The product according to claim 93 further comprising a cellulosic fines layer adjacent the first and second surfaces having a thickness of from about 1/48 inch to about 3/4 inch.